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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID
TO USS NIMITZ IMMEDIATE
CTF SIX ZERO
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JACCC TORREJON
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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUEST--USS NIMITZ HELO
OPERATIONS TO PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN

REF: USS NIMITZ 220857Z SEP 76 (NOTAL)

1. IN LIGHT OF SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS DEALT WITH IN SEPARATE
TELEGRAMS, THE EMBASSY TAKES THE REFERENCED MESSAGE FOR ACTION.

2. AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL IN THIS INSTANCE,
PROBLEMS WITH THE SPANISH GOVT CONCERNING THE USS
NIMITZ VISIT TO GIBRALTAR MAKE IT INADVISABLE TO TAKE
ANY ACTION AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT WHICH WOULD AGAIN MAKE
THE OPERATIONS OF THE NIMITZ A MATTER OF CONCERN AT HIGH
LEVELS OF THE SPANISH GOVT.

3. IN THIS CASE, THE FACT THAT THE HELO AIRLIFT ENVISAGED
INVOLVES A THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONAL OF A NATO COUNTRY (VICE
ADMIRAL BALDINI OF THE ITALIAN NAVY) FURTHER COMPLICATES THE
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ISSUE SOMEWHAT.

4. THUS WE ARE NOT, REPEAT NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE CLEARANCE
AND STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT ALTERNATIVES NOT INVOLVING THE
SPANISH BE EXAMINED.
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